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1. A RECENT BROADCAST FROM PEKING (FEBRUARY 4) SEEMS TO DRAW A LINE AGAINST FURTHER CONCESSIONS TO WEAPONRY DEVELOPMENT BY STATING THAT "ALL REVISIONISTS ADVOCATE THE THEORY OF WEAPONRY". THE BROADCAST BRANDS BOTH KHRUSHCHEV AND LIN PIAO AS REVISIONISTS WHO SUPPORTED THIS THEORY, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO AIR FORCES, NUCLEAR AND MISSILE DEVELOPMENT, AND ARGUES THAT CONVENTIONAL WARFARE--- INCLUDING THE MILITIA--- IS NOT OUTMODED.

2. ARTICLES AND COMMENTARY ON STRENGTHENING CHINESE DEFENSES IN HONG KONG'S PRC-OWNED WEN HUI PAO FEBRUARY 2-4 ALSO GIVE NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDICATION THAT MILITARY SPENDING WILL BE GIVEN SPECIAL PRIORITY.

ALTHOUGH WEI HUI PAO CITES THE NEW YEAR EDITORIAL ON STRENGTHENING ARMY BUILDING, THE EDITORIAL'S PRIORITIES OF AGRICULTURE, LIGHT INDUSTRY AND HEAVY INDUSTRY APPEARTO REMAIN UN-CHANGED.

3. COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE NEW YEAR'S DAY EDITORIAL WHICH CALLED FOR ATTENTION TO NATIONAL DEFENSE INDUSTRIES AS PART OF OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES RAISED EXPECTATIONS ON THE PART OF EXPONENTS OF MODERN WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT. IN ANY EVENT, THE REGIME SEEMS TO BE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT WHILE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, PLANES AND MISSILES HAVE THEIR ROLE TO PLAY, THE CHINESE MIX HAS ALREADY BEEN DECIDED AND THAT ANY FURTHER PRESSURE TO OBTAIN GREATER ALLOCATIONS WILL BE BRANDED AS "REVISIONISM".

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